

DECISION 25/2017
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)

**ON THE ALLOCATION OF THE 2018 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION
TO THE KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION COMMUNITIES (KICs)**

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 294/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2008 establishing the European Institute of Innovation and Technology¹ as amended by Regulation (EU) No 1292/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013² (hereinafter referred to as the “EIT Regulation”), and in particular Articles 14 (7), 20 (8) and Section 2 (a) and (b) of the Statutes annexed to the EIT Regulation;

Having regard to the Decision of the Governing Board of the EIT of 27 December 2013 on adopting the Financial Regulation for the European Institute of Innovation and Technology³, as amended by Decision 6/2015 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 5 March 2015⁴ and by Decision 11/2016 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 20 April 2016⁵ (hereinafter referred to as the “EIT Financial Regulation”);

Having regard to Decision 9/2017 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the principles for the determination of the 2018 EIT financial allocation and for the prospective distribution of the EIT budget 2019-2020⁶;

Having regard to Decision 24/2017 of the Governing Board of the EIT on endorsing the progress by EIT Food in achieving the milestones of the start-up phase and conditional finalisation of the new KIC’s designation process;

WHEREAS

- (1) The Governing Board of the EIT has designated three Knowledge and Innovation Communities (hereinafter referred to as “KICs”) in 2009 (hereinafter referred to as the “first wave of KICs”⁷), two KICs in 2014 (hereinafter referred to as the “second wave of KICs”⁸) and one KIC in 2016 (hereinafter referred to as the “third wave of KICs”⁹).
- (2) The EIT has concluded with the first and second wave of KICs a Framework Partnership Agreement in 2016.
- (3) In accordance with Decision 24/2017 of the EIT Governing Board, the EIT intends to conclude with the third wave of KICs a Framework Partnership Agreement in 2018.

¹ OJ L 97 of 9.4.2008, p. 1.

² OJ L 347 of 20.12.2013, p. 174.

³ 01364.EIT.2014.I

⁴ 00101.EIT.2015.I.GB34

⁵ 04141.EIT.2016.I.GB.41

⁶ 00301.EIT.2017.I.GB45

⁷ EIT Digital, EIT Climate-KIC, EIT InnoEnergy

⁸ EIT Health, EIT Raw Materials

⁹ EIT Food

- (4) As regards the distribution of the 2018 EIT budget to the KICs, Decision 9/2017 of the Governing Board of the EIT stipulated the following:
- 20 MEUR will be earmarked for the EIT RIS activities. The 'EIT RIS fund' will be available to all KICs who propose EIT RIS eligible activities in their Business Plans 2018. The EIT Director will define the EIT RIS activities eligible for this fund. Unused funds will be re-allocated into the overall EIT budget available for KICs.
 - 5 MEUR will be earmarked for the Cross-KIC activities. The 'Cross-KIC fund' will be available to all KICs who propose eligible Cross-KIC activities in their business plans. EIT Director will define the cross-KIC activities eligible for this fund. Unused funds will be re-allocated into the overall EIT budget available for KICs.
 - the remaining available EIT budget (the 'EIT KIC fund') will be distributed between the three waves of KICs in accordance with the percentage split determined by the Governing Board in Decision 9/2017 (65% for the first wave of KICs, 28% for the second wave of KICs, 7% to the third wave of KICs), while further principles for support and competitive funding shall apply within each wave (Articles 4 to 6 of Decision 9/2017).
- (5) In line with the draft EIT Budget and Establishment Plan, as well as the draft Annual Work Programme 2018, it is expected that EUR 400 million will be available for grants in 2018.
- (6) In line with the principles of the distribution of the available funding for 2018, the exact figures of the maximum 2018 EIT financial contribution for the individual KICs need to be determined.
- (7) In order to determine the exact figures for the maximum 2018 EIT financial contribution, the Governing Board shall also decide on the re-allocation of unused funds following the allocation of competitive funding to the third wave of KICs in accordance with the principles of Decision 9/2017 of the Governing Board.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1 Re-allocation of unused competitive funding

Unused funds following the allocation of competitive funding to the third wave of KICs shall be allocated to the first and second wave of KICs in accordance with the percentage split defined in Article 2.1 of Decision 9/2017 of the EIT Governing Board for the two waves in question (65% for the first wave and 28% for the second wave of KICs) and distributed in line with the principles provided for in Articles 4 and 5 of that Decision.

Article 2 Financial allocation for 2018

The maximum 2018 EIT financial contribution covering the period from 1 January to 31 December 2018 to each KIC shall be allocated as follows:

EIT Digital:	EUR 87,040,605 (including the EIT financial contribution earmarked for the implementation of EIT RIS activities) and EUR 746,000 earmarked for the implementation of cross-KIC activities led by the KIC;
EIT InnoEnergy:	EUR 87,158,804 (including the EIT financial contribution earmarked for the implementation of EIT RIS activities) and

- EIT Climate-KIC:** EUR 1.200.000 earmarked for the implementation of cross-KIC activities led by the KIC;
EUR 83,100,547 (including the EIT financial contribution earmarked for the implementation of EIT RIS activities)
and
EUR 1.150.000 earmarked for the implementation of cross-KIC activities led by the KIC;
- EIT Health:** EUR 57,368,390 (including the EIT financial contribution earmarked for the implementation of EIT RIS activities)
and
EUR 800,000 earmarked for the implementation of the cross-KIC activities led by the KIC;
- EIT Raw Materials:** EUR 54,820,592 (including the EIT financial contribution earmarked for the implementation of EIT RIS activities).
- EIT Food:** EUR 26,615,062 (including the EIT financial contribution earmarked for the implementation of EIT RIS activities).

Article 3 Implementation

1. The EIT Director shall be responsible for the implementation of this decision, as well as for the communication of the strategic recommendations agreed by the Governing Board for each individual KIC to be addressed in the course of the implementation of the 2018-2019 grant cycle.
2. The EIT Director shall be empowered to determine, in the context of the award of the 2018 specific grants, the amount that shall be earmarked from the EIT grant for the implementation of EIT RIS activities by the individual KICs.

Article 4 Conditionality upon the final adoption of the EIT budget

The financial allocation provided for in the present decision is subject to the adoption of the Budget and Establishment Plan 2018 of the EIT, the Annual Work Programme 2018, part of the EIT Programming Document 2018-2020, as Financing Decision, and the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2018, which will determine the amount of EU contribution to the EIT in 2018. In case of a reduction in the financial contribution available for grants in the final EIT Budget, the maximum 2018 EIT financial contribution to each KIC shall be amended proportionally.

Article 5 Entry into force

This decision shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

Done in Budapest on 23 November 2017

Signed

*Peter Olesen
Chairman of the EIT Governing Board*